

V. I. A. Annual

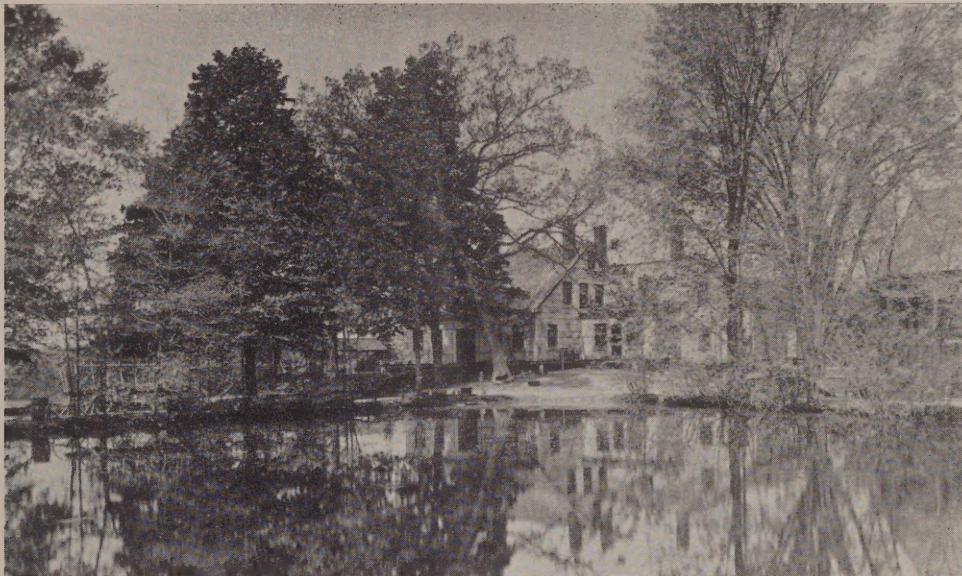
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TYNGSBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS

MARCH, 1952

THE OLD STONE HOUSE



Home of Norman R. Sherburne

Prior to 1830, hundreds of acres of land on the east side of the Merrimack River, in Tyngsborough, were owned by John Parham. In that year by deeds dated July 10, 1830, he conveyed large tracts of land to two of his daughters, Rebecca Parham and Sarah Parham. He had a third daughter, Rachel, who in 1826 had married James Butterfield. No deed appears in the records from John Parham to Rachel Butterfield, but it is very probable that one was given at the same time that deeds were given to her two sisters, for some years later, in 1858 and 1862, leases of the mill privileges from Rachel Butterfield are matters of record.

The stone house shown in the accompanying illustration was built on Rachel's land by her husband, James Butterfield in 1838 according to the date cut in the stone door-sill. It is said that the stone was quarried nearby, and that Mr. Butterfield did much of the work himself.

At about this time two other stone houses were built on the east side of the river. One of these was on the property now owned by Eugene Corcoran, formerly owned by Cyrus Butterfield and later, for many years, by his son Jesse B. Butterfield. The blocks of stone used in the construction of this building were much smaller than those in the James Butterfield house. The third stone house was on property of Luther Butterfield, now owned by Mrs. Albion C. Farrow. The stone walls of this building extended only to the height of the first story. Both of these houses were destroyed by fire many years ago.

Upon the death of Rachel Butterfield, her property was inherited by her five children, James P. Butterfield, John H. Butterfield, Grace Butterfield, Angeline Webster and Mary Ann Hall. In 1866 Mrs. Webster conveyed her interest to her brother John H. Butterfield, and Grace Butterfield and Mrs. Hall conveyed their interests to their brother James Butterfield, and in 1868, John H. Butterfield conveyed his share and the share which he had acquired from his sister, to Elizabeth B. Butterfield, the wife of James P. Butterfield. They continued in ownership until 1886, when they sold it to Warren A. Sherburne, of Pelham, N. H., who had been occupying the house and operating the mill nearby for the preceding two years.

After the death of Warren A. Sherburne in 1917, the home-stead and mill were taken over by two of his sons, Norman R. Sherburne and Maxwell G. Sherburne, who, for a time, with their families occupied the house together. When the increasing size of the families made common occupancy inexpedient, another house was erected, and the stone house was taken by Norman R. Sherburne and his wife, who are the present owners.

The outward structure of the house has not been changed much since its original construction. Over what is now the kitchen, which was originally only one story in height, has been constructed a screened-in sleeping porch for summer use. Along the whole front of the house for several years was an unroofed piazza, but that was removed several years ago. Inside, the partitions are substantially as originally built, but changes and additions in the way of modern plumbing and heating systems have been made from time to time, for the purpose of making more comfortable living conditions.

R. W. Sherburne

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OFFICERS OF THE V. I. A.

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Mr. Chester H. Queen, First Vice President

Mr. Bertrand R. Currier, Second Vice President

Miss Anna F. Elliott, Clerk and Corresponding Secretary

Mr. Roscoe C. Turner, Treasurer

Mr. Raymond W. Sherburne, Auditor

Executive Committee

Mr. Robert D. Lambert 1952	Mrs. Robert D. Lambert 1952
Mr. Henry J. LaFrance 1953	Mrs. Henry J. LaFrance 1953
Mr. Martin E. Betz 1954	Mrs. Martin E. Betz 1954

Report of the Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting of the Village Improvement Association was held in the lower Town Hall on November 8th at half past seven, preceded by a bountiful repast of turkey and the usual "fixins." (Attendance 40)

The meeting was called to order by the President Francis Cryan. Accepted as read were reports of the clerk, the treasurer, auditor, executive committee and playground committee.

The nominating committee: James Woodward, Ethel Sherburne and Preston Fay, presented the following list of officers for the coming year.

President—Curtiss L. Lustig

1st Vice Pres.—Chester H. Queen

2nd Vice Pres.—Bertrand R. Currier

Clerk and Corresponding Secretary—Anna F. Elliott

Treasurer—Roscoe C. Turner

Auditor—Raymond W. Sherburne

Executive Committee for three years—

Mr. and Mrs. Martin E. Betz

As directed, the clerk cast one ballot and the entire slate was declared elected.

The clerk was directed to set aside a page in the records in memory of Edna H. Bancroft, Nora S. Derbyshire, Mary A. Mitchell, Frank E. Parker, Isaiah F. Spindell, Clara P. Swallow. A beautiful bouquet of chrysanthemums graced the head table as an added tribute to the deceased members.

The Executive Committee reported disappointingly large cost for a suitable roster of Veterans, and further study was suggested. It was thought to be too large a project for the V.I.A. alone, and the committee was authorized to undertake to have the matter placed before the town in the next warrant.

The speaker of the evening, Miss Edna Cutter of Dracut, had as her subject "Tree and Shrub Planting for the Small Place." To increase the interest in her informative talk, Miss Cutter brought cuttings of many trees and shrubs all of which can be grown locally. Miss Cutter stressed the importance of planting trees whenever and wherever possible.

Guests were Rev. Joseph H. Giunta, who gave the invocation, and Mrs. William F. Slade and Dr. Slade who pronounced the benediction.

Anna F. Elliott, Clerk

Executive Committee Report

At the Executive Committee meeting in October it was brought to our attention, that in order to properly refinish the lower Town Hall more money would be needed than the balance of the appropriation for the Town Hall improvement. Mrs. Earle Stratton was commissioned by the Selectmen to carry out this project. One hundred dollars was voted from the V.I.A. treasury. It was also voted to purchase and install a gas heater to furnish hot water to the Ladies Room and the Kitchen. Other organizations who contributed to these projects were the Grange, the Ladies Social Circle, the Evangelical Woman's Club.

The dining room was washed, the ceiling was painted with two coats of white, the walls were painted with two coats of light blue, and the floor oiled. The work was completed in time for the Annual Dinner of the V.I.A. in November. Much credit and the sincere thanks of the townspeople are due Mrs. Stratton for her conscientious efforts in seeing this work through.

Treasurer's Report for the Year Ending
October 31, 1951

RECEIPTS	
Balance Oct. 31, 1950	\$ 981.31
Membership Dues	65.00
Advertising Receipts 1950 V.I.A. Annual	3.00
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Tickets and Sale of Food Annual Meeting 1950	33.22
Catering for Firemen's Supper	10.00
Refund on Printing Bill	6.00
Receipts from Annual Fair Mar. 8 and 9, 1950	
Novelty Table	\$ 31.78
Candy Table	35.86
Farmers' Table	40.62
Children's Table	20.60
Fancy Table	54.20
Flower Table	39.55
Grab Table	14.10
Tonic	17.44
Supper 2 nights	134.87
Door	199.90
	588.92
Interest on Savings Deposits	6.06
	\$1,887.01

PAYMENTS	
Cost of Annual Meeting Supper Nov. 1951	57.46
Cost of Annual Fair March 8 and 9, 1951	
Royalty on Play	\$17.50
Play Books	8.40
Decorations	7.50
Electrical Work	7.15
Advertising	4.05
Orchestra	17.00
Internal Rev. Tax	32.46
Supper	132.29
Printing	32.80
	259.15
Printing V.I.A. Annual Paper	\$ 320.71
6 First Aid Blankets for Fire and Police Cars	35.67
Part of cost of Wiring Christmas Tree	8.35
1/3 Cost of Audiometer for School	115.00
Spring Clean Up	37.75
Fall Clean Up	33.95
Postage for Treasurer	2.00
Service Charge for Checking Account	1.13
Total Payments	\$ 871.17
Cash Balance	1,015.84
	\$1,887.01
Total Assets of V.I.A. are as follows:	
Union National Bank Checking Account	\$ 522.82
Union National Bank Savings Account	142.34
Lowell Institution for Savings	200.68
U. S. Bond purchased June 14, 1941 at cost	150.00
	\$1,015.84

Respectfully submitted,
Roscoe C. Turner

Treasurer

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

November 6, 1951

I have examined the foregoing account and find it correct and cash balance as stated.

Raymond W. Sherburne
Auditor

At the same time the Selectmen had gas space heaters and new fixtures installed in the toilets. Now that the new appropriation for the Town Hall improvement has been voted, plans are going forward to refinish the Upper Hall.

A Military Whist was held in November for the purpose of further improvements in the lower hall. The response was disappointing.

The Executive Committee wishes to thank those who have written reports for the Annual, and all who are working to make the Fair and Dinner a success.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert D. Lambert

A Parable

Once upon a time there were six brothers who worshipped in the same temple. And unto each came an idea for the improvement of the temple service. And the eldest said unto himself, "Behold, I have an idea that seems good to me, but I am untrained in such matters and it is most likely that the idea is of no value. I will remain silent." And in a little while the idea went away.

And the next brother said unto himself, "Behold, I have a good idea and I would tell it unto the elders, only today I must do other things. Perhaps later I will not be so busy." So he went about his affairs, and in a little while his idea went away.

And the next brother said unto himself, "Behold, I have a good idea, but to whom should I tell it? What Committee of this temple should properly make it its own concern?" And so involved in his puzzlement did he become that he was unaware that his idea had gone away.

And the next brother said unto himself, "Why should I concern myself over this good idea of mine? Such things are the business of the officers of the temple. Let them get their own ideas." And he sent his idea away from him.

And the next brother said unto himself, "Behold, I have an idea of some value, but if I share it with the elders they will claim all of the credit. I will keep this idea to myself." And so tightly did he clutch his idea to him that he choked it to death.

And the youngest brother said unto himself, "Behold I have an idea. It may not be worth much, and my voice carries little weight before the elders, but I will tell it unto them that they may decide what to do." And straightway he went before the elders and he told them of his idea, and behold it was but a little thing but with some revision it was good and of value.

And the chief of the elders stood before the congregation and said, "Behold, this man, our benefactor. He has had an idea, and he has shared it with us for our benefit. Because of him our temple is a bit stronger, and better able to serve our community. Let him be garbed in fine raiment and seated upon a front pew, for he has brought an offering greater than gold or fine incense. He has brought and offered part of himself."

Joseph H. Giunta

The Ladies Aid Alliance—First Parish Church

The Alliance year of 1951-1952 has been a most interesting and profitable one. Business meetings have been held the first Thursdays of each month excepting July and August.

At the beginning of the new year (1952) work was started on the redecoration of the church. Colors, carefully selected to match the colors of the period when the church was first built, have brought new beauty to the old meeting house.

The Annual May Breakfast was held in the vestry of the church on May 5th. Co-chairmen were Mrs. Martin Betz and Mrs. Henry Simoneau.

A Halloween Party was held for the children of the Sunday School and their friends. Striking decorations and favors for the party were made by Mrs. Edward Moss and Mrs. Guy Constantine.

An exceptionally well patronized Christmas Sale was held under the direction of Mrs. Henry Simoneau and Mrs. Edward Moss. Santa Claus made a visit to the Sunday School Christmas party as usual.

Two of our members passed away in the past year. Miss Edna Bancroft and Mrs. Clara Swallow. They will be greatly missed by all of us.

Carol Leonard, President

Evangelical Woman's Club

A busy and successful year's activities were started with a banquet at the Vesper Country Club in January 1951; thus, began the seventh year of existence of the Woman's Club.

Meetings were held the third Tuesday of each month, some in the homes of members, with others at the church. In July a picnic replaced the regular meeting and guest night was observed in May.

The club has sponsored five suppers at the church, the spring fair supper, a strawberry festival and fair, as well as a saleable at the local antique show. In December the 7th Annual Musicale and Tea was enjoyed at the church.

In addition to the pledge to the church and repairs and improvements at the parsonage, the budget allowed a sum of money for community service. Included in this were contributions to the Red Cross, Community Chest, Tuberculosis Seals and gifts to servicemen on overseas duty. Also, a donation was given toward the improvements made in the lower town hall.

Among the programs at the regular meetings were talks on rock treasures in the earth, atomic defense, interior decorating and problems of post-war Germany.

The following officers were elected in December for 1952: President, Mrs. Blanche Clarke; Vice-President, Mrs. Helene Riley; Secretary, Mrs. Evelyn Herrmann; Treasurer, Mrs. Frieda Driscoll; Program, Mrs. Marion Spindell; Finances, Mrs. Arline Dupras; Remembrance, Mrs. Frances Gray.

Blanche Clarke, President

The Churches

Churches in a community have always been considered an asset. Suppose the two church buildings were not here. Many of the best people would look elsewhere for a house. Real estate values would be affected. The constant reminder of spiritual values would be lost to all the inhabitants. The fact that many people who never go to church support the church financially is an indication that these truths are generally realized.

For church attendance dependence is upon the people who do not go to church outside of the town, as in Lowell, Collinsville, North Chelmsford. It is fortunate that there are enough people to keep up the two churches. Fortunate, too, that the two churches represent a slightly different point of view. The First Parish Church as a Unitarian Church is a liberal church. The Evangelical Congregational may be called a liberal conservative church. The religious life of the community would appear to be well taken care of.

William F. Slade

Ladies' Social Circle

During the year of 1951 the Ladies' Social Circle has held regular all day meetings each month except in July. All but two of these meetings were held in members' homes and these two were held in the Town Hall, at which time the regular business meetings were conducted, and the sales tables were decorated for the spring and fall fairs.

Both of these fairs were held in conjunction with the Evangelical Woman's Club and the Village Players and proved very successful both financially and socially.

Some of the other sources of income of this group were the monthly baked bean and salad suppers, Memorial Day dinner, sales tables at the Evangelical Woman's Club Strawberry Festival and the Annual Antique Show, and commissions on the sale of merchandise.

Besides assisting with the church finances the group has made quite a few repairs on the church and donations to the following funds: the Red Cross, Community Chest, March of Dimes, and the Children's Home in Lowell.

Our flower committee, Mrs. Charles Coburn, has done splendid work in sending Easter plants and cards, Christmas cards and plants, and get-well cards to the shut-ins and sick members and friends during the year.

One of our members, Mrs. Daisy Hartford, died during the year. She was one of our most faithful workers, and is missed by the members and her friends, in many ways.

The annual meeting was held in January at which time the officers' annual reports were read and accepted. The following officers were elected for 1952: President—Mrs. Raymond W. Sherburne; Vice President—Mrs. Ethel M. Sargent; Treasurer—Mrs. Bertrand R. Currier; Secretary—Mrs. Edith M. Bell; Flower Committee—Mrs. Charles H. Coburn; Directresses—Mrs. Charles E. Haley, Mrs. Harry Coles, Mrs. T. A. Whelan.

Respectfully submitted,
Ethel Q. Sherburne, President

The Evangelical Congregational Church

The church has had another properous year. The average attendance at the Sunday morning services has been sixty-nine, with the largest attendance as usual on Easter, two-hundred-and-fifty. Fifteen new members have united with the church. One member, Daisy Hartford, passed away during the year. Ten babies were baptized. The minister, Rev. William F. Slade, Ph.D. who has served the church three and a half years, performed twenty-one marriage ceremonies and officiated at six funerals.

The Sunday School has been splendidly maintained with a staff of twelve loyal and competent teachers. The two women's organizations have had very helpful meetings monthly, and have had excellent success in raising money for the church budget, repairs and various other projects.

The traditional suppers served every third Saturday of the month have had a larger attendance. The menu is always the same: two kinds of baked beans, potato and fruit salads, rolls, brown bread, coffee and home made pies and cakes. At the beginning the price was twenty-five cents. That was many years ago. Now the price is ninety cents.

William F. Slade



Lions Club

The International Association of Lions Clubs is the largest as well as the most active service organization in the world. It is interested in every opportunity for unselfish service to the community, and to this end, their activities are grouped under eight headings: Boys and Girls, Citizenship and Patriotism, Civic Improvements, Community Betterment, Education, Health and Welfare, Safety, Sight Conservation and Blind.

The Tyngsborough Lions Club was organized in 1948 and in the three and one half years since the granting of its charter by the International Association it has sponsored or collaborated in many activities that fall within the above range of objectives. Some of these activities are as follows:

The Club purchased an audiometer for the pupils of the Winslow School, a project in which the club shared expenses with the Village Improvement Association and the Parent-Teacher Association. The audiometer, operated by Mrs. Mary T. Kenney, the School Nurse, tests the hearing of every pupil in town. Once faulty hearing has been discovered corrective steps can be taken. The audiometer is also used by Mrs. Kenney in testing the hearing of the school children in Dunstable.

The Club also shared the expense of a fund to provide eyeglasses for those pupils in the Dunstable school who would otherwise be denied these corrective devices. The fund has been supervised and dispersed by Mrs. Kenney without publicity.

More recently the Club launched a most successful safety campaign. Reflector Light Kits were purchased out of the Club funds and a day was set aside on which all the children of the town were invited to bring their bicycles to the Fire Stations, where safety lights were installed without charge. How many lives were saved, or how many accidents were prevented can only be a matter of conjecture.

Another project within the scope of the Internationals activities is the underwriting of any deficiency that may arise in the milk fund at the Winslow School. The Club thus guarantees milk at recess time to all school children at a price well below cost.

Still another recent project was the purchase of book covers, inscribed with timely safety rules for the pupils of the Winslow School. This is another project to promote highway safety in the town.

The club also joins other organizations in the town in financing the lighting of the evergreen tree on the Town Hall lawn at Christmas time.

In addition to these strictly town projects, the Club subscribes annually to many national charities such as the Children's Health Center in Boston, the Heart Fund, the Community Chest, the March of Dimes and the Christmas Seal Campaign.

For the immediate future the Club has several projects under consideration including the rebuilding of the equipment house on the playground, the purchase of an inhalator for the use of the town's residents in time of emergency, the underwriting of a dental hygiene program for the students of the Winslow school and the sponsorship of a plan for rewarding excellence in school citizenship.

These programs do take money. Some of the money comes directly from the club membership in the form of monthly dues and from "tail twisting" which results in fines arising from infractions of rules arbitrarily set up by the Tail Twister during the dinner meeting.

Revenue from these sources naturally falls far short of the cost of the projects sponsored by the Club. Such revenue has been augmented from dances, whist parties and other forms of entertainment which have been well supported. In the near future the Club is sponsoring an "Evening of Music", a program of classical and semi-classical music, to be held in the Town Hall. The club promises this to be an outstanding event and hopes for a full house.

Francis S. Coles is the King Lion for the current year, and in this capacity directs the social, business and service activities of the club.

Dinner meetings are held semi-monthly except during the summer months, when the Board of Directors meet periodically to discuss matters of policy.

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Tyngsborough Volunteer Firemens Association Station #2

The town of Tyngsborough, like many other towns of its size in the country, has been served for many years by a Volunteer Fire Department.

On June 19, 1950 a group of interested citizens met at the new station on Lakeview Ave. for the purpose of forming a Volunteer Firemen's Association. The object of the Association is social in general and has the primary objective to render whatever services necessary for the efficient and satisfactory operation of the Fire Department.

The following slate of officers was elected to guide the Association through the early days:

Chairman—Thomas E. Coughlin
Secretary—Albert E. Chouinard
Treasurer—Nelson H. Chute

A Constitution and By-Laws was drawn up to serve as a guide for the future. And before the year had drawn to a close the Association had already sponsored the first of a series of training courses offered by the State Department of Education.

The same slate of officers continued to serve for the year 1951 with the addition of George M. Jordan as Chairman-elect. At the present time the Association is being guided by:

Chairman—George M. Jordan
Chairman-elect—Maurice Coyle
Secretary—William O. Bell
Treasurer—Nelson H. Chute

From the very beginning of the Association a program of activities was established for the purpose of deriving funds to purchase equipment to be used for the protection and aid of the firemen while firefighting.

A series of Whist parties which were well supported gave the townspeople an opportunity to visit the Fire Department.

This program was further implemented by periodic paper drives and an annual turkey raffle.

As a result of these activities the firemen are safely clad in helmets, raincoats and rubber boots. Also the Department possesses furniture covers, and other materials of a similar nature which are very necessary for the saving of personal property.

The hard work of the Association was rewarded on June 2, 1951 when one of its teams captured first prize in the "wet hose race" at the Dracut, Mass. Firemen's Muster. This was particularly gratifying as this is considered by all firemen to be most truly indicative of actual firefighting efficiency.

Ever since the beginning of the organized firefighting there has always been a mutual attraction between firemen and children. And the members of the Tyngsborough Volunteer Firemen's Association have been no exception to this unwritten rule. Every year at Halloween and Christmas time parties are run for the future firemen and their consorts. The Association furnished entertainment and refreshments and received subscriptions from other organizations in the town for the purpose. These parties are already a custom with the Association and it can be said both figuratively and literally, that they are a "howling success."

Respectfully submitted,
William O. Bell, Secretary
Albert E. Chouinard, Past Secretary

The Village Improvement Association

The Village Improvement Association is not an organization for the center of the town only. Its limits are the Tyngsborough town limits. We earnestly request that anyone and everyone interested in town improvement join this friendly group, become acquainted, and help us make the town a pleasant, friendly place in which to live. The dues are one dollar per year, payable to the treasurer, Roscoe C. Turner. Our objective—Town improvement.

Please join us.

The Committee

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Tyngsborough Grange #222 is entering its 53rd. year of existence with pleasant memories of the past and great hopes for the future.

Our membership is continually growing and we welcome all residents to join us.

The Grange is primarily an agricultural organization with Education high on its program and the sociability of the Grange adds much to the Community.

Just a few accomplishments in the field of legislation should be mentioned.

The Secretary of Agriculture was made a member of the President's Cabinet. Rural Free Delivery was established in 1896. A fight of 25 years culminated in the passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act in 1906. The Smith-Lever Act of 1914 established the Extension Service and the Smith-Hughes Act of 1917 established Vocational Agriculture.

This is just a part the Grange plays in Rural Communities.

Tyngsborough Grange had the privilege of presenting fifty year jewels, in 1951 to: Mrs. Ethel Sherburne, Mrs. Addie Perham, Mr. Walter Perham, and Mr. Chester F. K. Bancroft.

Tyngsborough Grange also had the privilege to present a twenty-five year certificate to Mrs. Eva F. Jordan.

Respectfully,

James A. Dingle, Master

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Academy of Notre Dame

ACTIVITY is the watchword at the Academy of Notre Dame. No matter what the season, ACTIVITY rules. In summer there is the activity of more than one hundred Sisters quietly busy in some part of the house or property. In Winter, there is the anything but quiet activity of four times that number of pupils intent on passing examinations, preparing science or art projects, winning games of basketball, staging a performance of "Smilin' Through," or just enjoying snow-covered hills and icy ponds. In Spring, the "Fair" looms large and in Fall, the "Fashion Show" continues to bring large numbers to this area.

The Academy is the meeting ground for many and varied groups. Even among the children this year we find several Mexicans, two Cubans, a girl from Venezuela and another from Canada.

A landmark disappeared in mid-summer when flames from the red barn threatened not only the immediate area but all about for miles. Only when the last sturdy beam of our exceptionally well-built barn had fallen did those on the property feel really safe. The barn had been vacant for some years and "empty" for the month previous to the fire. Due to the vigilance and labor of the Fire Department we still boast lovely pines surrounding the vacant lot.

Parent-Teacher Association

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Winslow School holds four meetings a year and sponsors several money-raising projects to enable them to purchase articles for the school and school children.

Ways to earn money: The P.T.A. sponsored a Military Whist in April 1951, a Food Sale in October and a Military Whist to be held in April 1952.

The organization helped to purchase the audiometer (we paid one-third the total cost), sponsored a cook-out for the graduating class and purchased a movie projector and screen.

Programs of the year include, the elaborate exhibitions of the work done by the children during the school year, songs by Mr. Savas, introducing the teachers to the parents, and a brief but very interesting address by our new Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Daigle.

The officers of the organization are:

President—Mrs. Valmore Turcotte

Vice President—none

Secretary—Mrs. Charles Connor

Treasurer—Mrs. Curtiss L. Lustig

Hospitality Committee—Mrs. Albert Sanford, Mrs. Rita Jordan

Program Chairman—Mrs. Helen Dwyer

The faculty and officers wish to thank all members and townspeople for their co-operation in making our organization and functions a success.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frances M. Connor, Sec.

Cub Scouts

It is regrettable that at the present time there is no Cub Scout program in Tyngsborough. There has never been a program designed for boys that so adequately provides for the development of skills and building of character as the Cub Scout program. The Grange voted last year to sponsor such a program, the nucleus of boys is ready, all that is needed is a Troop Committee of interested people to set the program in motion. Cub Scouting is not difficult nor is it too demanding of time or energy. The Cub Scout Headquarters in Lowell stand ready to help implement activity in the community.

The Cub Scout Den which was organized last year, originated from the North Chelmsford Pack, became temporarily inactive for want of a Den Mother.

In the year that the Den functioned it is safe to assume that the Cub Scout program proved its value judging by the achievement and enthusiasm of the group. It would be a simple matter to re-activate the group and it would be expedient.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita M. Crowley, former Den Mother

Boy Scouts

It is with regret that I report that no Scouting activities have been carried on since last September. An active troop under the leadership of Scoutmaster David Boucher held regular meetings until the close of school last year.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence A. Carkin,
Ass't. District Commissioner of the Four Point District.

Report of the V.I.A. Playground Committee

The 1951 playground began July 9 and ended August 10, a period of five weeks. Five days were missed because of rain. The attendance varied between 43 and 76 with an average of 54. One-hundred-and-forty-three different children attended the playground during the session.

The equipment was increased by the generosity of Mr. Bossie, who donated and set up another pair of swings, more suitable for the older children than the smaller pair already there. He also gave a strong trapeze which was very popular with both boys and girls. Mr. Haley repaired the chair-swings so that they are in condition for next year. Tennis and croquet were played under the direction of Mrs. Robert D. Lambert and Miss Vera Allen. Mrs. Parrish Adams also gave instruction in croquet.

Elsie Cobleigh and Arlene Pelletier helped with the small children. They assisted Mrs. R. D. Lambert in the circle which closed each day, where singing games were played, and announcements were given of coming events.

Hand-work was done by all the children and the projects in most cases could be accomplished by a variety of ages. Those who had charge of the handwork were: Mrs. Chaney—clay modeling; Mrs. Estabrook—flower arrangements, dish-gardens and stenciling with paints; Mrs. F. D. Lambert—knotboards, building a work-table, benches for it and repairing the block box, spool knitting. Miss Elliott—cut paper work, pasting scrapbooks, clay modeling, rubber ring mats, bead work, stenciling and painting with water colors; Mrs. Crowley—kites, making and following trails, covering waste-paper baskets; Mrs. Choate—paper beads and hats, boats and windmills; Mrs. Morton—bean bags, hand puppets, scrapbooks; Mrs. Greene—stenciling with crayons; Mrs. Farrow—paper beads; Mrs. P. Richardson—yarn dolls; Mrs. Bostick—shadow boxes; Miss Claudia Bell, Miss Muriel Cumming—walking ducks.

Four Fridays were special days: Treasure Hunt and peanut hunt, at the close of which Mr. Ernest Wilkins and his two grandchildren gave each child a present of a balloon.

Flower Show: when prizes were awarded for the best and most original arrangements of flowers and plants.

Auction: at which time enough money was raised to buy refreshments for the last day.

Picnic: the last day, when ice cream, punch were enjoyed and gifts were distributed to the children present.

The playground was enjoyed by the children and those in charge. The help of all those who assisted is very much appreciated.

Myrtle C. Allen, Director

Anna F. Elliott, Catharine W. Lambert, Committee

Pilgrim Fellowship

The Pilgrim Fellowship of the Evangelical Congregational Church meets every Monday evening at seven-thirty. There are about thirty-five members with an average attendance of twenty-five.

The first part of the meeting is a devotional service which is led by different members of the Fellowship. This is followed by a business meeting presided over by the President. The recreational period has consisted of square dancing once a month led by Mrs. Robert D. Lambert, debates on various subjects, movies shown by Mr. Richard Starkey and Mr. Frank Herrmann, and Dr. and Mrs. Slade. Our guest speakers have been Mrs. Clarence F. Bent who spoke on Cats and Dogs, Miss Olive Littlehale on Bells, Rev. Balcolm talked on his stay in Alaska, Mrs. Milton Estabrook on Matches and John Richardson told of his experiences in Korea.

We have had special features such as bowling, a Halloween party, Christmas Caroling, singing in the Choir for the Christmas Eve service, and going to the Ice Follies. The members of the Pilgrim Fellowship also decorated the Christmas Tree at the Church.

At the beginning of the year members wrote letters to the boys in service who at one time had attended our Fellowship. We also sent them packages at Christmas time. We have made a Service Honor Roll.

Janice Cobleigh, President

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Births for 1951

Jan. 21—Maurice Leo Gauthier—Philippe M. and Rita Bergeron
 Jan. 22—Gilbert Edwin Dupras—Gilbert A. and Arline M. Stirk
 Feb. 7—Stephen Dale Pelletier—Joseph A. and Mary L. Drake
 Feb. 9—Susan Ann DeJesus—John and Rose M. Saracino
 Feb. 9—Margaret Patricia Lee—Harold H. and Elizabeth R. Fenlon
 Feb. 10—Mary Kathy Spencer—Norman R. and Mary Porter
 Feb. 12—John William Bassett—Joseph F. and Dorothy F. Baxter
 Mar. 19—Donna Irene Peters—Harold and Margaret W. Clark
 Mar. 21—Patricia Dorothy Rowe—David and Josephine H. Dzoubek
 Mar. 25—Gerald Roger Lemire—Roger G. and Theresa D. Grenier
 Mar. 26—Donna Louise Patenaude—Robert L. and Mary R. Bernier
 Apr. 11—Patricia Frances Gage—Eugene Carroll and Shirley Madeline Dugas
 Apr. 16—Stillborn
 Apr. 23—Linda Marie Bibeault—Lucien L. and Pearl Wilkins
 Apr. 30—Jacquelyn Joan Mahan—Frederick J. and Pauline D. Elliott
 May 8—Ada May Linscott—John P. and Wilma Heyworth
 May 9—Smith—Arthur and Theresa Patenaude
 May 10—Robin Kathryn Macklin—Frank and June B. Richardson (Twins)
 May 10—Wendy Elizabeth Macklin—Frank and June B. Richardson
 May 11—Sandra Lee Burgess—Robert and Doris Lord
 May 14—Karen Lee Austin—Harold L. and Henrietta W. Zeiner
 May 30—Scott Edward Prendergast—Donn J. and Evangeline Slade
 June 19—Leon Arthur Ouellette—Wilfred J. and Laurette L. Maher
 June 21—Melenia Ann Gotham—John W. and Grace Laporte
 June 26—Gene Philip Whitney—Donald A. and Mildred Sabean
 July 1—Jill Elizabeth Currier—Charles H. and Marjorie Huntley
 July 10—Marsha Lorena Fuller—Kenneth C. and Myrtle S. Seamans
 July 26—Richard Joseph Patrick—Leo L. and Jean Taylor
 July 29—Diane Urbanowicz—James J. and Mary H. Patenaude
 Aug. 4—Tyra Helena Allgrove—Warren W. and Marie Wilkie
 Aug. 6—Jonathan Edward Strangroom—Rupert E. and Janet M. Zinn
 Aug. 7—Robert Ross DeCarteret—Robert P. and Edith Brake
 Aug. 24—Christine Martha Dumais—Alfred E. and Ruby Leonard
 Aug. 28—Michael Ralph Carey—John R. and Geraldine Newman
 Aug. 29—Kevin Thomas Carey—Paul A. and Theresa M. Barnett
 Aug. 29—Cristine June Pyle—Oden F. and Shirley J. Murphy
 Sept. 15—Diana Marie Marinel—Charles T. and Eugenie Poznick
 Sept. 19—David Robert Chouinard—Albert E. and Veronica E. Hebert
 Sept. 25—Vivian Marie Lacourse—Aime L. and Lucille E. Paquette
 Oct. 11—Ruby May Davis—Earl B. and Marion E. Fay
 Oct. 18—Edward Charles Grondine—Philippe P. and Flossie Garneau
 Oct. 19—Brian William Shipley—George W. and Louise C. Bowlby
 Nov. 4—Sheila Ann Nolet—Edward E. and Ethel O'Leary
 Nov. 26—William Edwin Hurst—Edwin W. and Bernecia Edgecomb
 Nov. 28—Phyllis June Ekstrom—Roy A. and Ruth C. Stoddard
 Dec. 4—Robert George Savary—Leo A. and Ruth N. Rivard
 Dec. 16—Judith Ann Richardson—Daniel and Dorothy Halpin (Twins)
 Dec. 16—Joan Arlene Richardson—Daniel and Dorothy Halpin
 Dec. 20—John Wilfred Maine—George W. and Rita Massey
 Dec. 22—James—Richard and Frances Demers
 Dec. 30—Joelyn Riley—Warren A. and Helene S. Spencer

Marriages for 1951

Feb. 3—Louis Joseph Fournier and Phyllis Anne Corcoran
 Feb. 16—Donald S. Callahan, Jr. and Jean B. McCaffrey
 Mar. 16—Albert Edward Duff and Grace Shirley Farrow
 Mar. 21—Melvin R. Whitten and Marilyn A. Fowler
 Mar. 25—Raymond Deschesnes and Theresa E. Mercier
 Mar. 26—Martin Joseph Brick and Rachel Marguerite Weymouth
 Mar. 31—Robert Orser Dolan and Alma Pauline Gelineau
 Apr. 10—Leroy L. Frye and Charlotte M. Wyckoff
 Apr. 14—Thomas Malcolm Davis and Teresa Elizabeth Dielis
 May 5—Oliver Theron Fifield, Jr. and Leona Mae Pierce
 May 20—Brian Leslie Marinel and Dorothea Simpson
 May 26—James D. Cobleigh and Shirley E. Potter
 June 1—Frank Peter Yuchnevitz and Helen Ruth Henry
 June 9—James Harry Wilson and Rose A. Mainville
 June 16—William Shost and Alice Francoise Piche
 June 17—Wesley Gordan Charlton and Winifred M. Horne
 June 19—Kenneth Courchaine and Dorothy Patricia Rich
 June 24—Herbert A. Sargent and Mary Louise Brogan
 June 30—James Gray Harlow and Elizabeth Ann Sherburne
 July 29—Maurice Dickstein and Rita J. Souriolle
 July 31—Romeo William Vigeant and Lillian Moreau (Tetreault)
 Aug. 17—Harold C. Gilpatrick, Jr. and Muriel V. Cobleigh
 Aug. 17—Warren T. Hanna and Barbara J. McNally
 Aug. 18—Bernard Cabana and Colette Latour
 Sept. 8—James F. Williams and Electa M. Gotham
 Sept. 9—Richard E. Lorman and Janet E. Clarke
 Sept. 10—Kenneth Franklin Knight, Jr. and Barbara Louise Demmons
 Sept. 16—J. Richard P. Gauthier and Inez Carolyn Dove
 Oct. 6—Edmund F. Peladeau and Rose Marie Allgrove
 Oct. 18—C. Adelbert Bell and Annie Porter Stearns
 Oct. 27—William Proctor Frost and Dorothy Ann Turner
 Nov. 4—George E. Shepherd and Grace E. Mirer
 Nov. 10—Arthur L. Searles and Marion L. Smith (Curtis)
 Dec. 9—Leonard Greenhalge and Constance Chute
 Dec. 16—Kenneth H. Lamb and Ruth Hastings (Hartshorn)
 Dec. 20—Orwin Mason Ordway and Bertha Belle Steerey
 Dec. 22—Arthur Normand Coulter and Pauline Jean Richard
 Dec. 22—Paul L. Durocher and Marilyn Dian Powell
 Dec. 26—Allan E. Reis and Florence C. Ziembka
 Dec. 26—James Joseph Balukevich and Phyllis Teresa Pelletier

Deaths for 1951

Jan. 2—Emily (Caster) Palm
 Jan. 3—Mrs. Altha (Chambers) Wilkins
 Jan. 4—George Sylvio Hebert
 Jan. 16—George H. Ingalls
 Jan. 27—Hannah (Frankland) LeMasurier
 Feb. 4—Frank E. Parker
 Feb. 8—Louis Sergerie
 Feb. 9—Nora Derbyshire (nee Stanfield)
 Mar. 1—Edna Helen Bancroft
 Mar. 2—Lucy (Stone) Gotham
 Mar. 14—Mrs. Margaret B. Gove (McCarter)
 Mar. 15—Eugene DeLisle
 Mar. 24—Elroy D. Crandall
 Mar. 28—George Francis Lee
 Apr. 16—(Infant) Johnson
 Apr. 28—William Dixon
 May 9—Mary H. (Speed) Shepherd
 June 8—Glenn McIntyre
 June 19—Agatha Ocipeka (nee Wojtas)
 June 24—Ida E. Linscott (nee Foster)
 June 26—Bernadette Rose Steele
 June 28—Mary A. (Fagnan) Mitchell
 July 14—Michael Walsh
 Aug. 3—John J. Giniewicz
 Aug. 17—Miss Bertha S. Lundgren
 Sept. 4—Isaiah F. Spindell
 Sept. 10—Emile Laflamme
 Sept. 16—Clara Proctor (Jewett) Swallow
 Nov. 20—Catherine Ann Chisholm Fenlon
 Dec. 11—Mrs. Diana (Vincent) Hebert

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Tyngsborough-Dunstable Historical Society

At the business meeting in February 1951 the name of the Tyngsborough Historical Society was changed by the addition of the name of "Dunstable." The chief purpose of the Society is to collect, record and preserve facts concerning early local history. The early history of the two towns is, of course identical through Colonial times and well after the Revolutionary War, as Tyngsborough was not incorporated as a separate town until 1809. The programs are planned to better understanding of the customs, problems and pleasures of our forefathers. A brief summary of the activities of 1951 follows:

After the annual business meeting which was held at the home of Mrs. F. D. Lambert a fascinating talk by Mrs. Eldon I. Staples, told of the origin of Valentine's Day in ancient Rome and how it has come down through the centuries. Much of the material used came from the collection of Mrs. Carl A. Richmond. Many valentines were shown fifty and seventy-five years old, and one about two weeks old made by a kindergarten child.

In March the Society met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Parker of Lowell in their "Pilgrim Room" which contains a most remarkable collection of early Americana. Mrs. Parker gave a very informative talk as she related the history of various rare articles. In the Gun Room Mr. Parker gave an equally interesting description of his collections of early firearms and equipment.

A tour arranged to pass most of the older houses and historic spots in Tyngsborough, was enjoyed in April. The last house on the list which dates back to 1683 was the home of Mrs. Hazel W. Lovering who graciously entertained the Society and welcomed inspection of her home which is furnished throughout in keeping with its age. Mrs. Clarence Morton conducted a short meeting and summed up the story of the tour.

The May meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde A. Turner of Lowell. Whether the beauty of their spring time garden or the rare antiques which furnished their home was lovelier would be hard to say, for each seemed well high perfect and each complimented the other. Mr. Turner spoke with the authority of a connoisseur as he described some of his treasures. He gave many suggestions to help the collector distinguish the genuine from a clever imitation. He also explained methods of restoration.

Miss Edna Cutter invited the Society to come to her little White House on Mammouth Road, Dracut, for the June meeting. Miss Cutter told the story of how she has gradually built up her attractive garden, restored the house and her plans for further development. Beautiful pressed glass belonging to Mrs. Walter Hoyt, of Lowell, was the subject of interesting discussion.

The Congregational Church in Dunstable was the meeting place in September. Interesting papers were read about "The Old Churches of Dunstable" by Mrs. Eldon I. Staples and Miss Bessie Norris. Then beautiful colored slides of New England Churches were shown. The Society is grateful to Mrs. Charlotte Greene Blaney for loaning them.

Another tour was conducted in October by Mrs. William Hampton to see the older houses in Dunstable. The last one visited was the oldest of all, the Blodgett House, built in 1723. It has remained in the family ever since, and is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon I. Staples, who entertained the group with good old-fashioned hospitality.

In November, the Educational Committee, headed by Miss Anna F. Elliott, held the sixth annual exhibition at the Littlefield Library. Descriptive talks were given by members of the Society to the School children as they came, by classes, to see the display. Of great interest was the tiny furniture made by Mr. Walter Douglas. It was arranged in a little room, the whole being an exact replica of a room in his great-grandfather's house. Mr. Douglas' miniatures are considered by many authorities to be the best in America. Other exhibits included knitting, rug hooking, candle dipping, toys and old time bonnets.

Mrs. F. D. Lambert was the hostess in January and Mrs. Milton Estabrook was the speaker. Her subject "The History of Matches" was very interesting. The accompanying exhibit of old match boxes and various types of sulphur matches completed the subject.

A small glass topped case donated by Mrs. Carl A. Richmond and arranged by Mrs. Franklin Hammond has been placed in the Library. It contains the acquisition book and small articles of historic interest. It also contains a book with pictures of some of the oldest homes in town and an historical account of each.

The Society is very grateful to those who have donated articles to the permanent collection, to the hostesses, who have opened their homes, and to the speakers and committee members who have done so much to make this a worth while year. Also thanks to all who have contributed to the various exhibits through the year and given so generously to the sales that were held at the Strawberry Festival, in June and the Antique Show in October.

Bertha M. Turner,
President

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 Walter H. Phelps
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The Committee

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To our Advertisers who through their generous cooperation have made this program a substantial means of revenue we extend our appreciation and to others who by their encouragement and advice helped to make this Annual a success.

Robert D. Pelletier Unit #247 American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit #247 meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month with the exception of July and August. The meetings are held in the Legion Quarters in charge of the following officers.

President	Mary E. Flanders
Sr. Vice President	Daisy M. Wilkins
Jr. Vice President	Yvonne Wilkins
Treasurer	Mary F. Pelletier
Secretary	Bertha M. Knight
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Historian	Anna B. Cobleigh
Sgt.-at-Arms	Ruth E. Choate
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	Vivian Pelletier
	Shirley Silva

The past year was a busy one. Easter cards were mailed to all town men in service at that time. The Annual Poppy Sale was held in May. Our Unit was co-sponsor for a dance held at the V. A. Hospital in Bedford in the early part of December and furnished the orchestra for the occasion. Gifts and wrappings were also sent to the Christmas Gift Shop at this hospital.

A successful military whist party was held last fall. A food sale and penny social have been sponsored by the Unit to raise funds for its work.

In May as usual the Unit participated in the Memorial Day services.

Contributions have been made to the Red Cross, "The Crusade for Freedom," the Children's Medical Center in Boston and other organizations at the time of their drives.

Members of the Auxiliary and the Post have been working to improve the Legion Quarters. New venetian blinds and a new linoleum floor covering have been installed. A fine electric record player was donated to the Legion and Unit which the members appreciate very much.

Miss Anna B. Mara, District Director and Mrs. Eva Costello, Sgt.-at-Arms, assisted by the Middlesex County Cadets were the installing officers at the installation services in November.

Auxiliary members extend their sincere thanks to those who help carry on the work of the American Legion Auxiliary by their purchase of Poppies and by their donations given when solicited.

B. M. Knight
Secretary A. L. A. Unit #247

The Village Players

The Village Players is an important and interesting organization in the town of Tyngsborough. The total membership of this group has been built up to thirty members. We are very much interested in the further progress of this organization and urge each and every one to join us. Acting abilities are not essential to become a member as there are many other interesting things to be done in connection with the activities. The meetings are held in the homes of members on the first Sunday evening of every month.

The present officers of the Village Players are as follows:
President—Barbara H. Lambert
Vice President—Forrest Ames
Secretary-Treasurer—Muriel Gilpatrick
Program Chairman—Richard Starkey

Two plays have been successfully presented since the reorganization of the Village Players; "The Calamity Kids", under the direction of Mr. Henry J. LaFrance, Jr. and "Mama's Angel Child" under the direction of Mr. Richard Starkey. This year's V.I.A. play "Love Begins at Sixty-five" is being presented under the direction of Mr. Louis Spindell. The fall play was presented in Dunstable.

Extensive cleaning and remodeling has been done backstage. The scenery has been repaired, redecorated and stored out of the way.

A Fortune Telling Booth at the Strawberry Festival was sponsored by this group.

The Village Players will always have the "Welcome Mat" out for all new members and anyone who would like to visit us at some of the meetings.

Muriel Gilpatrick, Secretary

The American Legion

Although the Robert D. Pelletier Post #247 is a rather small unit of the American Legion, it is an active organization participating in, and contributing to the various functions and undertakings of the community.

During the past year the Post has contributed to the Red Cross, the Heart Fund, the Community Chest, and paid a portion of the cost of lighting the Community Christmas Tree. Several members of this Post have answered the appeal of the Lowell Red Cross and have become regular blood donors.

With its sister organization, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Post has sponsored many whist parties, and during February the organization were co-sponsors of the film "The Big Idea," which was open to the public.

The Annual Legion Minstrel Show is the major theatrical undertaking of the year. The 1952 edition of the Legion Minstrels is in production at the present moment, and the town will witness this gala affair during the last week of March.

The placing of flags on veterans' graves and the annual participation in Memorial Day exercises is a solemn trust of the members of this Post. . . . A trust held sacred to the memory of their departed comrades.

Richard O. Starkey,
Adjutant

Industrious Club

This organization is in connection with the Middlesex County Extension Service, and we take advantage of their many projects during the year. The meetings are on the second Thursdays of each month from ten to four o'clock, with dinner at twelve thirty.

The officers are as follows: President—Louise Downs; Vice President—Ethel Sherburne; Secretary and Treasurer—Ethel Sargent.

We give donations to the different organizations such as the Red Cross, Community Chest, Jimmy Fund, March of Dimes, Children's Hospital, and the Children's Medical Center. We also send cards or flowers to the sick members.

In July we charter a bus for a day's outing at Salem Willows.

There are about thirty members, we have no dues, but a collection is taken at each meeting. If you know of any one who would like to join our club. Let us know.

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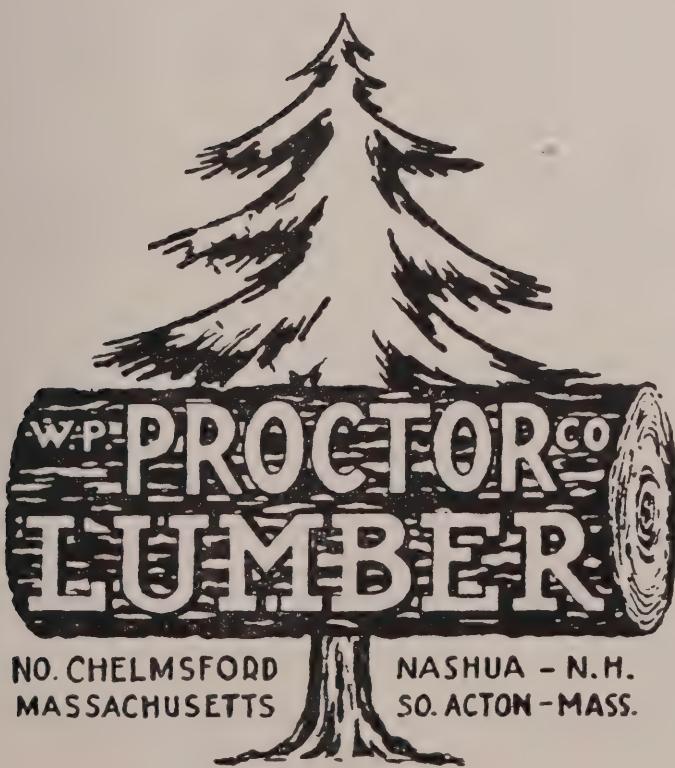
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There has been a good response among the townspeople to the appeal for blood donors for the Korean wounded. Forty-four donors gave 56 pints of blood, and there was only one appeal for blood from Tyngsborough. We are going to have to ask again for volunteers to go down to the bloodmobile in the near future, and will hope for the same generous response.

The Red Cross helped tremendously during the serious forest fire this spring, by bringing sandwiches, coffee, and doughnuts to the firemen and volunteers, remaining on duty through the night. We now have complete canteen equipment loaned by the Red Cross in readiness for any emergency.

The drive for funds for the purpose of carrying on the work of the Red Cross fell somewhat short of our goal last year. This is probably due to the fact that so many townspeople give where they are employed—outside the town. Some divide their contribution between their work and the town, and where possible this is recommended, as it encourages our workers and helps Tyngsborough attain its quota.

The Junior Red Cross has been busy making favors for the veterans hospitals under the supervision of Mr. Starkey, as well as taking up a collection which was sent in to Junior Red Cross Headquarters.

A synopsis of services to Tyngsborough for 1951 list under Home Service 157 persons aided, and include financial assistance, emergency leaves, consultation and guidance, pensions, allotments, compensation, death benefits and hospitalization. Victims of a fire were given new cots and bedding.

There has been one Civil Defense Class, and 2 First Aid Classes conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Coughlin were largely attended. Three from town are taking the Home Nursing Service.

We wish to thank the canvassers who gave so generously of their time during the drive for funds.

In closing we wish to remind the townspeople that the Red Cross stands ready to donate blood to civilians at any time, their only request is that there will be a response to their appeal for blood.

Bernice M. Sherburne, Maude C. Coburn

March Of Dimes

I have just forwarded to County Headquarters the receipts for 1952 from those in this town who have given to help relieve those who have been stricken with Infantile Paralysis. Many people have contributed by way of the "March of Dimes" cards, and we are grateful to them all. Our total contribution is not large, but it is a satisfaction to know that we have a part in the research which is endeavoring to find how this disease is transmitted, how it cripples and how it may be controlled.

We are fortunate in having no new local cases of a serious nature, but we know from past experience, that whatever help we may need will be generously given.

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Bird Notes

Hark! how blithe the throstle sings!
And he is no mean preacher;
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Let Nature be your teacher.

Wordsworth

Bird study has long been of special interest in the Winslow School, where it is sponsored by Tyngsborough Grange. At the annual Agricultural and Bird Night brief papers, based on personal observation of bird behavior, were read by Carol Tuleja and Norman DuBois, 6th grade; Irene Linscott, Carol Devlin, and John Bunker, 7th grade; Roger Gagnon, 8th grade. Principal Richard Starkey presented an informative film on common birds.

Twelve morning walks were taken during the spring migration, and about fifty varieties of birds observed. The first and second grades, in five trips to Littlefield Library, were shown mounted specimens of useful and colorful birds, as well as the library's extensive collection of eggs.

As a State Grange project, one hundred bird houses were sold below cost. Similar boxes, made according to Audubon specifications, suitable for blue birds and tree swallows, will be available for the coming season.

Sixty-eight houses put up by pupils—fourteen girls and twenty-four boys—in all sections of the town were checked and found to contain wrens, bluebirds and tree swallows. In addition to awards for success in attracting these desirable species, seventy girls and eighty-eight boys were given small prizes for birds observed and identified. The Committee appreciates the cooperation of the Winslow staff. It is gratifying to have had newcomers to town turn to the school for help in identifying the birds that they find in their gardens and woods. Best of all is the interest shown in protecting and encouraging the native species, who though more needed than ever, are being deprived of their natural nesting places and feeding grounds.

A rewarding gesture. . . . A slice of bread, spread with peanut butter and nailed to a small block of wood, sheltered from the storm, in a matter of minutes brought a succession of feathered guests. It was a fine experience for a small boy making his first bird list. Included were tree sparrows, juncoes, chickadees, "up-side down birds"—both white and red breasted nuthatches,—downy and hairy woodpeckers and gorgeous evening grosbeaks.

Unusual winter visitors, several bald eagles, have been observed soaring over the Merrimack River.

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Winslow School Bird Essay
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 (Irene Linscott)

My father made a bird house and put it up in a tree in our yard. Some birds made a home in it and after a while there were some baby bluebirds. When the little birds were about two weeks old a heavy storm came. The rain poured down in torrents and the wind blew very hard. Suddenly a tree fell, blown down by the wind. It was the tree with the nest in it! When I saw what had happened I ran out as quickly as I could. There were three baby birds, but no sign of the parents. I put the bird house on the shed roof and waited for my father to come home. He put the nest in another tree. Later on, we saw the parents flying in and out of the house, getting food for the little ones, and so they lived there happily until the babies were old enough to fly away and be on their own.

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Tyngsborough Tuberculosis Committee

In this report of the Tyngsborough Tuberculosis Committee a few facts concerning the history and development of the tuberculosis movement might be interesting. In 1900 there were six times as many deaths from tuberculosis than any other disease. Several physicians and laymen, recognizing tuberculosis as a communicable disease and knowing its cause, felt it could be eventually controlled through education of the public.

In 1892 the first Anti-Tuberculosis Association was formed in Pennsylvania. The first Christmas Seal Sale in this country was conducted in 1907 by Emily P. Bissell of Wilmington, Delaware, upon request of several Doctors, to raise funds for the treatment of a few tuberculosis patients. She set her goal at \$300.00 and raised \$3,000.00. In 1908 the first nation-wide seal sale was conducted by the Red Cross to raise money for tuberculosis work. In 1920 the Red Cross withdrew from the seal sales and since then the seal sale has been conducted by the affiliated Tuberculosis Associations.

In 1944 the towns and cities comprising the southern Middlesex Health Association were joined by the 15 communities affiliated with the Southwestern Middlesex Public Health Association and the name of the entire organization became the Middlesex Health Association.

The seal sale returns from the town are received by the local committee, and 50% remains in the town, while the other 50% goes to the Middlesex Health Association in Somerville. The local committee meet with officials from the parent organization in May and the budget is made up for the following year. The money is appropriated for local needs in health education, case finding, rehabilitation and other approved projects as well as to pay the expenses of the local seal sale. After provision is made for local needs any surplus is turned over to the country-wide account known as the Mary Margaret Roberts Fund which was set up in 1948 in memory of Mary Margaret Roberts, former Executive Secretary of the Association. The money is used for certain designated purposes which are approved by the Board of Directors. The fund can be drawn upon in case of emergency so that all contributing committees can look to it for financial assistance if ever necessary. Through January 1951 a total of \$37,440.92 has been expended from this fund for the maintenance and promotion of tuberculosis control programs which could not otherwise be established.

We are running a little behind in our returns this year. Last year we received \$364.50. This year to date we have received \$314.65.

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Tyngsborough Girl Scouts

Tyngsboro Girl Scouts are becoming a fast growing organization. In our Neighborhood, which is part of District VI of the Greater Lowell Girl Scout Council, there are three troops.

Brownie Troop #30, made up of twenty-seven girls from seven to ten years of age, is under the able direction of Mrs. Wilbur Farrow. This troop fills a long felt need among the younger girls.

Intermediate Troop #29, composed of twenty-five girls from ten to fourteen years old, is in charge of Mrs. Clarence Morton, assisted by Mrs. Forrest Ames, Troop Committee Chairman. Mrs. Morton has devoted unlimited time and energy in developing a progressive and keenly interested group of girls.

We are fortunate to have had Mrs. T. Edward Coughlin organize a new Intermediate Troop #118 on the east side of town. This new troop is bringing the advantages of scouting to many girls unable to join the group at the center of town. These girls numbering twenty, promise to form another valuable unit in our fine organization.

Much credit is due the troop committees who are most cooperative and offer assistance in badge-work, supervision and transportation.

We welcome at all times, volunteer assistance in the various Girl Scout program fields.

Bernice Sherburne
Neighborhood Chairman

Brownie Troop 30

Brownie Troop 30 held its first Investiture on March 27, 1951 when thirty girls were invested by their leaders, Mrs. Wilbur C. Farrow, Mrs. Kenneth Porter and Mrs. Avis B. Clarke, into the ever growing Girl Scout movement. "The Brownie Story," which suggests the ideals and objectives of the Brownie Scout program, was dramatized by the following girls: Frances Ziembra as the father; Muriel Singleton, grandmother; Ellen Lescard, Mary; Gloria Dubois, Tommy and Elaine Kinder as the Old Owl.

On May 5 twenty-one Brownies under the leadership of Mrs. Farrow and Mrs. Clarke journeyed to Lowell for the annual Brownie May Day which was held on the grounds of the Lowell State Teachers College.

The first "Fly-up" ceremony was held on Tuesday, November 13 with six Brownies "flying-up" into the Intermediate Scout program. The girls were Gloria Dubois, Ethel Gray, Elaine Kinder, Ellen Lescard, Muriel Singleton and Frances Ziembra.

The girls invited their mothers to the Christmas party and presented each one a jar of Bath Salts which they had made at a previous meeting. At other meetings during the year the Brownies have made yarn picture frames, valentines, gum drop corsages for Mother's Day, lapel pins, finger puppets, bottle cap lockets, etc.

Bette and Lee Betz, Kathleen Crowley, Loretta Biggar, Cynthia Dupras, Carol and Paula Gilinson and Sandra Shawcross attended Camp Machagamee, the Day Camp for all Greater Lowell Girl Scouts from 7-16 years old.

The leaders, Mrs. Farrow, Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Clarke, took the Outdoor Activities Course which was held in the Spring for all interested leaders in the Greater Lowell Council. This course was a pre-requisite for the Troop Camp Course which Mrs. Farrow also took. In November Mrs. Farrow attended the Experienced Brownie Leaders' Course.

The troop committee held a Food Sale on October 19 to supplement the troop treasury and purchased Girl Scout Handbooks for the "fly-ups."

The leaders would like to express their appreciation for the co-operation of the troop committee and the parents who furnished transportation after the meetings and on Brownie May Day. We also want to thank Mrs. Herrmann for the scissors she donated to the Brownie Troop.

Helen M. Farrow, Leader

Troop 118 Girl Scouts

On February 19th, Tyngsborough's newest Girl Scout Troop was officially born with the presentation of pins by Mrs. Robert D. Lambert, District Chairman, in an impressive Investiture ceremony. Girls invested were: Shirley Brassard, Jacqueline Ducharme, Ruby Ducharme, Shirley Ann Fallis, Patricia Wilkins, Pauline LaCourse, Joyce Ann Martel, Carol Tuleja, and Barbara Vose. Other members of the troop include: Maureen Dean, Gloria Mills, Evelyn Mills, Janice Sanford, Gloria Dubois, Carol Dearborn, Ellen Lescard and Muriel Singleton. Leader for the troop is Mrs. T. Edward Coughlin and Assistant Leaders are Mrs. Fred Shanahan and Mrs. Darrell Singleton, Jr.

Gladys Coughlin

Troop 29 Girl Scouts

Troop 29 has had a happy, busy year. The leaders have continued the policy of having all activities the outgrowth of the work for proficiency badges. When an activity is of sufficient interest, all the troop is invited to participate.

At our International Program in March and at our Christmas and Valentine parties, the girls working for Second Class fulfilled many of their requirements.

Later, the girls working for the Drawing and Painting Badge invited the girls to visit the Addison Gallery in Andover. The curator made our visit an outstanding experience. The Bird Sanctuary and Parker State Forest were also visited. Mrs. Earle Stratton and Curtiss Lustig helped Mrs. Morton with the transportation.

The Folk Dance and Dramatic groups under the leadership of Mrs. Robert Lambert and Mrs. Winston Bostick, respectively, furnished the program for a very successful Barn Dance to which the parents were invited. The Dramatic group presented two original plays, written and produced under Mrs. Bostick's direction. The Folk Dance group presented several dances and led the square dancing. We thank Mr. and Mrs. Bostick for making the dance possible. The outstanding experience of the year was our over-night trip to Camp Runels. Eighteen girls and three leaders enjoyed the trip and the hearty meals prepared over an open fire. This experience started the troop on their work for Back Yard Camper and Campcraft Badges.

Upon demand, Scout meetings started in September as soon as school.

While the weather was good, we worked on our camping badges. A pancake cook-out was enjoyed at Mrs. Robert Lambert's when we tried out our "buddy burners" and "tin-can stoves" made from large cans contributed by Mr. Jerry Driscoll.

Mrs. William Slade was program consultant for the Rock-Mineral Badge. This group visited the sand bank of Mr. Gilbert Dupras and the farm of Mr. J. Kendall Bancroft. They invited the troop for a memorable trip to Fletcher's Quarry, where Mr. George De La Haye was our guide. Transportation was furnished by Mrs. Forrest Ames, Mrs. Robert Lambert, Mrs. Herbert Riley, Mr. Donald Rand, Mrs. Maxwell Sherburne, Mrs. Clarence Morton.

On Nov. 8 we had our first Brownie "Fly-up". Mrs. Elmer Patterson was our guest speaker. Mrs. Wilbur Farrow, Brownie leader, conducted six Brownies across the bridge to Intermediate Scouting. Six new girls were also invested so that on Nov. 15, 31 girls were registered.

We have been very fortunate in our program consultants. In addition to Mrs. Slade we have had the help of Mrs. Forrest Ames, who is acting Assistant Leader and has charge of Second Class Badge; Mr. Richard Starkey, Music Badge; Miss Joan Littlehale, Design; Mrs. Warren Allgrove, Child Care.

Mr. John Barr, Miss Lena Coburn, and Mr. William Picken of No. Chelmsford have assisted in the Bibliophile.

We regret that Mrs. Warren Allgrove and Mrs. Earle Stratton, because of the press of other duties, were forced to resign as Assistant Leaders.

Although we were sorry to lose some of our girls, we are very happy that Troop 118 has joined us.

At the present time, we have two First Class Scouts, 15 Second Class, and 9 Tenderfoot.

Again, may we express our thanks to our Troop Committee: Mrs. Forrest Ames, chairman, Mrs. Warren Allgrove, Mrs. Robert Lambert, Miss Irene Mitchell, Mrs. Harvey Pineo, and Mrs. Maxwell Sherburne and to all our many friends who through their co-operation and help have made our program possible.

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